

CALFRESH REQUEST FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION**PI# 17-102**

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1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 12/04/2017	NEED RESPONSE BY: 12/04/2017
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Contra Costa County	
3. PHONE NO.: EMAIL:	7. SUBJECT: Income	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-502.1 63-502.2(c)	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Client provided us with a copy of her bank statement (needed for her GA application). she also applied for CalFresh. The same worker is assigned to both applications. In reviewing the bank statements there were deposits made into the checking account for the period of 10/17/17 through 11/14/17. Deposits were irregular every couple of days. However client claims that she set up a "Go fund me" account for her family who were victims of Hurricane Harvey".

She has control of the money and has been using some of it for her personal needs. ?

do we treat it as unearned income - Gifts and count it since it is over \$30.00 each month or not count because there is no way to RAI? or

Do we treat it as excluded income since it is donations/contributions from persons earmarked to help the hurricane victims ?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

It would be easy to say exclude since it was designated for victims of the hurricane or exclude because we are unable to RAI a "Go fund me" account since we do not know how much or if any someone is going to contribute or because the money is technically not hers.

However because she has access to it and is using it to live, we should be counting it. But the fact remains we are unable to RAI the income because there is no way to know how much if any she will continue to receive.

No definite answer.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Based on the given scenario, if the funds are no longer in the "Go fund me" account and have been deposited into the client's checking account then the money in the client's checking account should be counted as a liquid resource to determine eligibility for benefits, per state regulations at MPP 63-501.11.

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